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1. [redacted] ship was in the port of Ventspils [redacted] Thirteen small naval vessels [redacted] were moored at the Town Quay. All thirteen vessels were similar; each ship was about 125 feet long. Each vessel had a raked and comparatively high bow, a flush deck with a pronounced sheer line, one gun on the foredeck, two antiaircraft guns just aft of the foredeck gun, a low bridge, a low raked stack, two antiaircraft guns aft of the stack, and one gun on the afterdeck. There was a mast on the after edge of the bridge, and there was a curved radar antenna on the top of each mast. An old type submarine [redacted] lay at the same quay. 25X1
2. A naval vessel [redacted] was observed in the Winter Harbor. This vessel was somewhat larger than the vessels moored at the Town Quay. 25X1
3. Eight naval vessels were observed in the Fishing Harbor. The deck structures and equipment on these vessels were similar to those on the vessels at the Town Quay. [redacted] 25X1
4. Scaffolding was set up at the Export Quay. A vessel equipped with diving equipment lay at the quay, and divers were observed working alongside the quay. Several large cranes were observed on the Import Quay. A new motor was being installed in one of the cranes. The motor was believed to be a diesel, and it was being installed in the crane housing. 25X1
5. [redacted] a tower with a large searchlight on top on the south side of the river mouth. The tower was located not very far from shore, and the searchlight swept the surface of the water in all directions every hour during the night. 25X1



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